

BEN FRANKLIN STOPS ON TRIP

Halts Journey to New England to Receive Honors in New York.

GOING TO WATERBURY

Passage of Paul Bartlett's Statue Up Broadway Scene of Triumph.

NOT MARRED BY RAIN

Mayor Hylan and French Consul-General Join in Praising Franklin.

Benjamin Franklin, cast in bronze, came to New York yesterday and the metropolis gave him the freedom of the city—without a wrangle in the Board of Aldermen.

Every American schoolboy knows the world fame of "Poor Richard" and more lasting than bronze itself. Scores of cities have mounted his benign figure upon granite pedestals in homage to his versatile genius. But Paul W. Bartlett has fashioned a new effigy of the sage which is to adorn the public square of Waterbury, Conn. It was cast in Baltimore and that fact inspired somebody with a happy thought. The idea was that the statue, in traversing its route from Baltimore to Waterbury, should follow, so far as practicable, in inverse order the route over which the runaway apprentice boy, who repudiated candle-making to become one of the world's immortals, plodded his toilsome way, much of it afoot, from Boston to Philadelphia.

The statue, following its route into New England, arrived at noon yesterday at the Battery for its triumphal passing up Broadway to the City Hall. About the serene seated figure of the most versatile of all America's elder statesmen were grouped an honor guard composed of Sons of the American Revolution and Boy Scouts. Above Franklin's domelike brow drooped the colors of a score of patriotic societies.

In the escorting column which attended his progress up a beflagged Broadway, all under the command of Major Charles A. Du Bois, marshal, were the regimental band and one company of the Twenty-second United States Infantry from Governors Island, platoons of marines and bluejackets from the navy yard, details from the Grand Army of the Republic, American Legion, Sons of the American Revolution and many other patriotic orders, including the Veteran Corps of Artillery, whose brilliant red faced cloaks gave a patch of color to a pageant otherwise drab and gray.

Ceremonies at City Hall. Arriving at the City Hall plaza the escort formed facing a temporary platform up to which the truck was driven. The statue then gazed directly into the eyes of Mayor Hylan, and the bronze eyelids did not blink. As the band played the national anthem the infantrymen and "goes" snapped to attention, the mounted police escort extended their batons in salute, the colors of the patriotic organizations were dipped and a

thousand or more mere civilians bared their devoted heads to the downpour. The remainder of the celebration mercifully was held in the Aldermanic chamber while the statue and its guard remained outside. Ben did not mind the streams that trickled down his bronze locks; he was ever a hardy soul. In the hall above his polished head the flags were grouped in front of the dais and then the Mayor and the dignitaries of army and navy led into the chamber the patriotic delegations.

Led by the band and by the choir of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, the throng sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and the invocation then was pronounced by the Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, D. D., pastor of the Church of the Divine Paternity and chaplain of the Empire State Society. Henry W. Sackett, chairman of the committee of arrangements, presided as the presiding officer. Brig.-Gen. Oliver B. Bridgman, president of the New York Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

Mayor Hylan's Speech. Gen. Bridgman presented Mayor Hylan, who said in part: "It is almost impossible to do justice to the remarkable versatility of the genius of Benjamin Franklin. The victories which he achieved as statesman and diplomatist in England, France and America were hardly less important than the military victories of Washington on the battlefield. As philosopher, scientist and inventor he ranked among the greatest of his contemporaries."

Other speakers were Col. Louis Annin Ames, past president general, Sons of the American Revolution, who spoke for America; Gaston Liebert, Consul General of France, who represented the sister Republic; Rear Admiral H. M. P. Huse, U. S. N., commanding the Third Naval District; Major-Gen. Robert Lee Bullard, U. S. A., commanding the Second Corps area; Brig.-Gen. William Weigel, U. S. A., chief of staff, Second Corps area; Marcel Knecht, on "France and America," and Edward Hagaman Hall, who made a brief general review of Franklin's life and attainments.

M. Liebert said there are two names revered by all school children in France—those of Washington and Franklin. "Poor Richard" became a great diplomatist, he thought, because he was so great a philosopher and had mastered the psychology of human nature. The names of Franklin and Lafayette, he said, have so strengthened the ties between France and America that whatever happens in the future the two republics will be found tied up as friends and as the champions of freedom and independence.

Rear Admiral Huse described Franklin's naval achievements in recruiting in France privateers to prey upon British commerce. He sketched the gallant story of the Bonhomme Richard, the fighting ship named for Ben and commanded by John Paul Jones when he captured the Serapis after scoring the British captain's demand that he surrender with the immortal retort, "I have not yet begun to fight!"

M. Knecht complimented Myron T. Herrick, Ambassador-elect to France, "in sending him back again to his beloved Paris," he said, "you are sending one who has endeared himself to us as another Franklin."

After the indoor ceremonies wreaths were placed upon the statue by M. Liebert for France and by Franklin Bache Huntington, great-great-grandson of Benjamin Franklin, for the Sons of the American Revolution. The bronze will remain in this city several days before leaving for Boston. It will be the centre to-morrow in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, of a rally of the Camp Fire Girls.

Patriots Plan Meeting. Plans for a big patriotic mass meeting in Prospect Park next Sunday are being completed by the Brooklyn Citizens Patriotic Committee, with the cooperation of the Kings County American Legion. George A. Wingate is chairman of the committee and serving with him are Postmaster Walter C. Burton, Lewis H. Pounds, Nathan S. Jones, Edwin P. Maynard and Thomas F. Ward, Jr. The Police Glee Club will entertain and prompt speakers will be brought from Washington for the occasion.

TWO 'WIVES' MOURN ARREST OF RUYTS

Brooklyn Man Accused of Harboring Both Is Held as Bigamist.

ONE ACQUIRED IN WAR

They Do Not Speak Same Language and Converse by Taps.

Two wives, one Belgian and one French, have for several months past shared their housewife duties in the three room apartment of Antoine Ruyts, at 512 Fifty-third street, Brooklyn, according to officials of the Brooklyn Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Ruyts, himself a Belgian, is an ornamental iron worker. He was held in 21,000 bail in the Fifth Avenue Court in Brooklyn yesterday on a charge of bigamy.

The Belgian wife talks only Flemish; the other speaks only French. They are said to have worked out a code of communication by means of tapping on wood. Two young daughters of Ruyts by the Belgian wife, said to be his first, also live with them.

The case was investigated by the society on the complaint of neighbors. Terence McKiernan, an agent, accompanied by Mrs. Paula Golinick, visited the apartment.

McKiernan reported that back in 1914 Ruyts, who is 45 years old, was living in Antwerp with his wife, Charlotte, 45, and two daughters, one now 13 and the other 15. When the Germans tried to put Ruyts to work for them he fled to Paris, where he met Mme. Marie Pierre-Labar, a handsome widow of 48. According to McKiernan's story, they lived together in Paris until they came to this country in January, 1920.

They are alleged to have been married shortly after their arrival here at St. Raphael's Italian Mission at the Battery. Ruyts is said to have sworn at that time that he was a bachelor.

In November, 1920, according to McKiernan, Ruyts sent to Antwerp for his Belgian wife and daughters. He is said to have three married children living in Antwerp. When Charlotte arrived Ruyts promised her, placing his hands on the heads of the little girls, that he would have no more to do with the French woman, but he then took them to the Brooklyn apartment, where, the society's agent reported, he introduced them to Marie, and indicated she was the domestic chief. Wife No. 2 is said to be better dressed than the other woman and to have the choice of bedrooms. She also looks distinctly younger.

The French wife had been working in a theatrical costumier's establishment in Manhattan, and when Charlotte arrived she was taken to work there also, the two women going back and forth together. Charlotte, the investigators say, has not been permitted to go out in the evening alone.

When Ruyts was arrested both women remained together in the apartment with the little girls. Ruyts was taken away weeping bitterly. The French wife is said to have volunteered to be arrested in his place.

TO RECOUNT KATLIN VOTES.

Frank Is Charged in Contest Made by D. J. Carroll.

Ballot boxes will be reopened and there will be a recount in the case of

Daniel J. Carroll, Democrat, who is contesting the election of Abraham L. Katlin, Republican, to the State Senate from the Eleventh district, which is in Kings county.

Senator Schuyler M. Meyer, chairman of the Committee on Elections and Privileges, said yesterday they had taken testimony from poll watchers to

the effect that the official returns had given Katlin more votes than he should have had. They testified under oath, he said, that they had been present during the entire count and kept tally. If they are correct, Senator Meyer said, it would show that Katlin wrongfully was credited with more than 370 votes. The recount will begin May 2.

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